

Garden Collection

A great amount of time, effort (and money) has been spent on improving the path around the graveyard and keeping the gardens looking so beautiful. Many thanks to all our volunteers. There is a collection box at the back of church to help towards the cost of all the improvements made and to help towards the cost of continuing to improve the path around the graveyard. Any contributions very gratefully appreciated.

Job Vacancy for Prison Chaplain at Lancaster Farms

Prison Chaplain urgently needed at Lancaster Farms. The vacancy is open to lay people and the closing date for applications is July 1st. Further details can be obtained from Kathy Heaton-Brown, PA to the Bishop of Lancaster – Tel No --01524 596050

Feast Days this week

Mon: St Cyril of Alexandria, , Wed: St Peter and St Paul

Thurs: The First Martyrs of The See of Rome Sat: The Blessed Virgin Mary

Cycle of Prayer during Summer

A Deeper Understanding between Christians and Jews, Human Life, those who suffer Persecution, Oppression and denial of Human Rights. Seafarers.

Parishioners Who are Unwell

If you would like the parish to pray for someone, please notify Father Sony on 01772 865229 for inclusion in the Bidding Prayers or newsletter. We also have an area in Church where you can write a prayer intention on a card and hang up if you prefer.

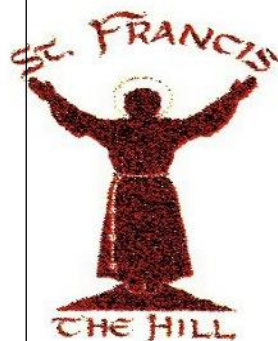
Diary Dates

3rd July – Family Mass in the Open Air

12th July – Sacrament of Confirmation – 7.00 p.m.

19th July – Year Six Leavers Mass – 9.30 a.m.

27th July – Parish Theatre Trip



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**13th Sunday in Ordinary Time
26th June – Readings – Year C**

Parish Mission Statement

Our Parish, guided by the example of our patron St Francis of Assisi, seeks to be a welcoming Catholic Community by living, sharing and growing in faith. We strive to deepen our own relationship with Christ and meet the needs of others.

Today's Mass is for Peter Corbett.

Today we welcome Father Nicolas Kumi from the Holy Ghost Fathers. Father will celebrate mass and also talk about his work as a Holy Ghost Father.

We pray for all those whose anniversaries occur about this time,, especially John Bennett, Florence Hildred and Peter Corbett. We also remember William 'Bill' Gornall who died on June 8th. His funeral was at St Wilfred's on June 17th. Bill helped in the gardens at Hill Chapel for many years. *May their souls and the souls of all the faithfully departed rest in peace.*

Wednesday is the Feast of St Peter and St Paul and a Holy Day of Obligation. There will be Mass at 9.30a.m.

There will be no mass this following Tuesday.

Open Air Mass , Sunday, July 3rd 10.30 a.m. We are planning to have an Open Air Mass in the School grounds on Sunday, July 4th. This mass will also be a family mass. This will be an opportunity for the parish to meet some of the Communicants and Confirmation candidates. If it rains, we will hold the mass inside but we are hoping (and praying) for sunshine!_ If anyone could come early next week to help set up outside. There are many tasks on offer: moving chairs outside from school, taking books from church, setting up for tea and coffee. Any help would be very gratefully appreciated.

First Holy Communion

We had a beautiful celebration last Sunday. We now have fourteen new communicants in our parish. Please remember them in your prayers.

Sacrament of Confirmation

Twenty-eight children will be confirmed by Bishop Paul at Hill Chapel on Tuesday, June 12th at 7.00p.m. These children are currently preparing for the sacrament with the help and support of their parents. In each session parents are working with their children, with the support of the catechist.

Safety Rules for Mass: Although safety rules have been restricted, we are only a small church and do want everyone to be kept safe:

- Please sanitise your hands on entry
- If preferred - please feel free to wear a mask on entry, on receiving Holy Communion and when leaving church.
- Please follow the one-way system to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion – guided by the stewards.

From the Archives

On Wednesday next, 29th June, the Church celebrates the feast day of St. Peter and St Paul. The day commemorates the martyrdom of the two great disciples, assigned by tradition to the same day of June in the year 67. Both had been imprisoned in the infamous Mamertine Prison of Rome and both had foreseen their approaching death. It is said that they were martyred at the command of Emperor Nero. Even though they were killed on the same day, their method of execution would have differed. Saint Peter was crucified, whereas Saint Paul would have been beheaded with a sword as he was a Roman citizen and afforded a quicker execution. It is said of Peter that he was crucified head

downward as he didn't feel worthy of being crucified in the same way as Jesus. After Christ's Ascension, Peter always took the leading role, exercising the office of chief shepherd that Christ had entrusted to him. He delivered the first sermon on Pentecost and received the first Gentiles into the new Christian faith. It is certain that Peter laboured in Rome as an apostle, that he was the city's first bishop, and that he died there as a martyr, in 67 A.D. According to tradition he was also the first bishop of Antioch. He is the author of two letters, the first Christian encyclicals. His burial place is Christendom's most famous shrine, St Peter's Basilica, around whose dome are inscribed the words: *'Tu es Petrus, et super hanc petram aedificabo ecclesiam meam'* – *Thou Art Pater and Upon this Rock I shall build My Church.*

Paul, known as Saul, his Roman name before his conversion, was born at Tarsus in the Roman province of Silicia. He was the son of Jewish parents who belonged to the tribe of Benjamin, was reared according to the strict religious-nationalistic party of the Pharisees and enjoyed the high distinction of Roman citizenship. As a youth he went to Jerusalem to become immersed in Jewish Law. He also acquired the skill as a tent maker, a work he continued even as an apostle. Paul wasn't in Jerusalem at the time of Christ's ministry, nor did they ever meet. Upon returning to Jerusalem, Paul discovered a flourishing Christian community and at once became its bitter opponent. When Stephen called into question the Jewish Law, Paul was one of the first at his stoning; thereafter his fiery personality would lead to the persecution of any Christians he came across. Saul's conversion occurred when he was on his way to the city of Damascus and from then on, he became one of the most important Christian disciples and teachers. St Paul is responsible for much of the New Testament and is widely acclaimed as one of the most important apostles who spread the word of Jesus and Christianity. Thirteen out of the twenty-seven books of the bible are attributed to St. Paul.

The feast of St Peter and St Paul is one of the oldest feast days celebrated in the Christian calendar. In 2010, images of Peter and Paul were found on the wall of catacombs dating back to the 4th Century AD. On June 29th, many coastal and island communities around the Mediterranean decorate their boats and wharves to give praise to St. Peter, who was the patron saint of fishermen. The feast of St Peter and St Paul is known as a 'Solemnity'; this means that we can eat meat on that day even if it falls on a Friday when normally fish would be eaten. Have a Happy Feast Day!

Mike Bryan